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Something you and others need to understand regarding human health and safety in Libby. For decades, including WR Grace's exposure in Libby, the rest of scientific America has known and accepted the horrific impact of exposure to LA. The record on this knowledge goes back to some of the most renowned scientists and pathologists only group around us today that does not recognize the "proven truth" about asbestos exposure and the devastation society is the EPA. The only tool, we as advocates have, is the tool EPA demands us to use and that is an EP, which amounts to the agency's attempt to disprove what much of the scientific world already knows. It is this EPA needs a reason to provide a completely protective cleanup in Libby it should look first to the 400 folks from various levels of exposure to LA." Is that too simple????

Gordon

--- On Tue, 6/22/10, FilmWest <filmwest@gmail.com> wrote:

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Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 10:37 PM

Sent from my iPhone

It is not a good sign that there is an unwillingness to respond to citizens concerns in writing and a refusal to take positions on critical matters.

We do understand the meet in person preference.

But only after you put your response in writing.

We want you to stand behind what you say, and document what you will do.

We want you to step up and do the risk assessment.

Stop facilitating errant ROD's just because you can.

Take more comprehensive air, soil and water samples in the clean up zones.

Keep the citizens completely out of harms' way of your DANGEROUS and RECKLESS contractor

We want you to stop wildly spending and facilitating money waste.

Your silence proves you intend to continue violating the community.

Step up and prove you don't.

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On Jun 22, 2010, at 5:49 PM, Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote:

While it is nice of Mr Ketallaper to offer to meet, it has been frustrating to take the time (and explain our position, voice our concerns, and show documented proof of our statements, only stonewall us, agree with us in person but then completely neglect their promises to rectify later

CIC just completely misrepresent all sides.

YOU ARE GETTING PAID BY US, AND WE HAVE TO KEEP PAYING OVER AND OVER YOU WITH NO RESULTS OR SATISFACTION? NO COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS? NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE MONEY YOU ARE SPENDING AND NOW WE ARE TO FIX PROBLEMS YOU/YOUR CONTRACTORS HAVE CREATED???

We are respectfully asking each of you to respond in some fashion, short or long in written form. Please keep in mind that we have asked nicely and repeatedly.

On Mon, Jun 21, 2010 at 12:42 PM, Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote:
Victor,

We have heard all your meeting rhetoric too many times. Please respond to our written requests in writing. Today would be great. It's been months.

On Monday, June 21, 2010, <Ketellapper.Victor@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

> Libby Citizens: I think it would be good for us to meet to discuss your concerns in the meeting. This would help me better understand your issues. I will be in Libby Tuesday evening meeting on the investigations being conducted at the mine. I am available to discuss your concerns and approach with the residential cleanup prior to the meeting. I plan to arrive in Libby around 4:00 pm and meet sometime between 4:00 and 6:30 pm on Tuesday. If this time is not convenient, I will be available on Wednesday of July 7 and 8. Please send me a message at the time that works best for you. Victor Kete
Libby Asbestos Superfund Site

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> -----Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote: -----

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> To: Victor Ketellapper/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, Andy Lensink/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, Bill Murray/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "catharine_ransom@baucus.senate.gov" <catharine_ransom@baucus.senate.gov>, "clecours@mt.gov" <clecours@mt.gov>, Freya Margand/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "glena.young@cityoflibby.com" <glena.young@cityoflibby.com>, Helen Dawson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, "jim.hammons@cityoflibby.com" <jim.hammons@cityoflibby.com>, "jpodolinsky@mt.gov" <jpodolinsky@mt.gov>, "kirby_campbellrierson@baucus.senate.gov" <kirby_campbellrierson@baucus.senate.gov>, "larry.anderson@mail.house.gov" <larry.anderson@mail.house.gov>, Lawrence Grandison/Mike Cirian/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "mvolesky@mt.gov" <mvolesky@mt.gov>, Rebecca Thomas/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "rodriguez-newstroml@cdm.com" <rodriguez-newstroml@cdm.com>, Earle/R4/USEPA/US@EPA, Ted Linnert/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "tspear@mtech.edu" <tspear@mtech.edu>, "virginia_sloan@tester.senate.gov" <virginia_sloan@tester.senate.gov>, "xcav8orr@hotmail.com" <xcav8orr@hotmail.com>, Carol Campbell/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, "five_rivers@ymail.com" <five_rivers@ymail.com>

> From: Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com>

> Date: 06/19/2010 02:06PM

> Cc: filmwest <filmwest@gmail.com>

> Subject: Re: FW: OU-1 cleanup work

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> Carol Campbell, Bill Murray, Rebecca Thomas, Ted Linnert and Mike Cirian,

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> We specifically and respectfully are requesting your individual

> responses regarding your Apparent continuous neglect of informing the

> public of factual information, your neglect and disregard in

> confronting contractor created issues and blatant waste of taxpayer

> money in Libby Montana.

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> Your responses are needed urgently.

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> Libby Montana has been declared an emergency and requires your

> attention and thoughtful responses.

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> It appears as though your full time and attention is being given to

> spending/wasting taxpayer money and facilitating the unsafe practices

> and wild spend of your contractors.

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> This is not what we pay you for.

> We are demanding immediate change and protection of the people and the

> environment.

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> On Saturday, June 19, 2010, Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote:

>> Respectfully, Why is it that no one seems to want to do a good job,

>> but everyone wants to keep taking the money?

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>> On Saturday, June 19, 2010, Libby Citizen <libbycitizens@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> URGENT:

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>>> REGARDING the Public Concert held last Friday 6/18/2010 at Contaminated OU 1 S

>>> in Libby, MT

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>>> AFTER \$ 330, 000,000 SPENT BY EPA --

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>>> FIRST AREA (OPERATING UNIT 1 " OU 1")

>>> to receive

>>> RECORD OF DECISION (MAY 2010)

>>> by EPA

>>> IS UNSAFE

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>>> To quote Mr Cirian, EPA Site Manager regarding the Hazardous material at

>>> Libby River Park OU- 1:

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>>> "As you have identified, there is an area near the ramp access where

>>> suspect materials will be covered with a single lift (approximately 6

>>> inches) of clean fill and a barrier has been placed to delineate that

>>> transition zone and all other areas were covered with 12 inches of

>>> common fill. Remediation of this area, along with the rest of the

>>> former Export Plant property, will be completed once EPA implements the

>>> remedy selected in the Record of Decision (May 2010)."

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>>> Mr. Cirian has ignored our repeated phone calls and efforts to communicate, and he re
secretary said only " Mr. Cirian cannot take your call. He is preoccupied. " Region 8 Adm
Public Event, and refuses to communicate with any of us in any way.

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>>> New exposures to deadly hazardous contaminant is imminent, however those who are
unaware of this hazard.

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>>> Does anyone have suggestions about how we can properly let the public know that eve
been signed on OU1, and it has previously been declared safe, it is not?

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>>> Isn't this something the EPA should communicate with us about?

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>>> Shouldn't the EPA be communicating Public Safety issues to the public?

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>>> See below a published report about even small amounts of the material being unsafe w
opposed to dormant and contained in walls or ceilings):

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>>> September 30, 2009

>>> EPA continues asbestos testing in West Central

>>> Becky Kramer

>>> The Spokesman-Review

>>> Tags: asbestos Libby Vermiculite Northwest Zonolite

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>>> Additional asbestos testing is taking place today near W.R. Grace's former Zonolite fa

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>>> During soil testing in June, the Environmental Protection Agency found low levels of
in residential yards near the former Vermiculite Northwest factory at 1318 N. Maple St.

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>>> Now, EPA officials want to know if routine activities – such as shoveling dirt or raking
asbestos fibers to become airborne.

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>>> “We’re simulating what people could do on their property,” said Greg Weigel, on-scene
environmental clean-up program. “What we’ve learned from other sites, including Libby, N
levels of asbestos in soil could pose a risk if the asbestos is susceptible to becoming airborne.

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>>> For 22 years, Vermiculite Northwest produced Zonolite, an asbestos-tainted attic insulation
vermiculite ore from Libby to the plant, where furnaces heated the ore until it puffed up into

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>>> W.R. Grace closed Vermiculite Northwest in 1973, after a whistle-blower tipped

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